

Submission to the IPC regarding the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project

My name is Kathy Johnstone. I live at 669 Ridglands Rd Wybong.

I object to this project and ask that the IPC do not approve it.

I have lived at my current location for 30 years. If I didn't like living at my home I wouldn't still be here.

I have looked for locations over the years that would give me what I have at 669 Ridglands Rd and haven't been able to find it. Acquisition upon request doesn't replace what I already have here.

The level of privacy, security and panoramic views I have in my present location I can't duplicate, I have looked.

I'm sad and disappointed that the "little guy" has to lose when dealing in these situations. The big companies have all the power and money to get what they want.

When that isn't enough they resort to changing the rules, moving the goal posts, divide and conquer tactics, silent agreements, lying, bullying and intimidation.

Let's not forget the use of their legal department. After they get what they want they start talking about community spirit and working together as long as it's their way and you don't question anything they do.

There will come a time when development will be an unwelcome word (about 2050). Then to continue to dig things up will become a negative and not a positive.

I feel some clarification could be offered on the mine's rehabilitation program. They put out all these glossy pictures about frogs that have been saved and flowers that have been rediscovered. However when the mines finally leave the land doesn't get sold back to the public for farming and grazing. Why is that? Their rehabilitation isn't as good a job as they say it is.

Thank you for considering this submission and please do not grant approval for this project.